# Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
## February 13 – February 19, 2014

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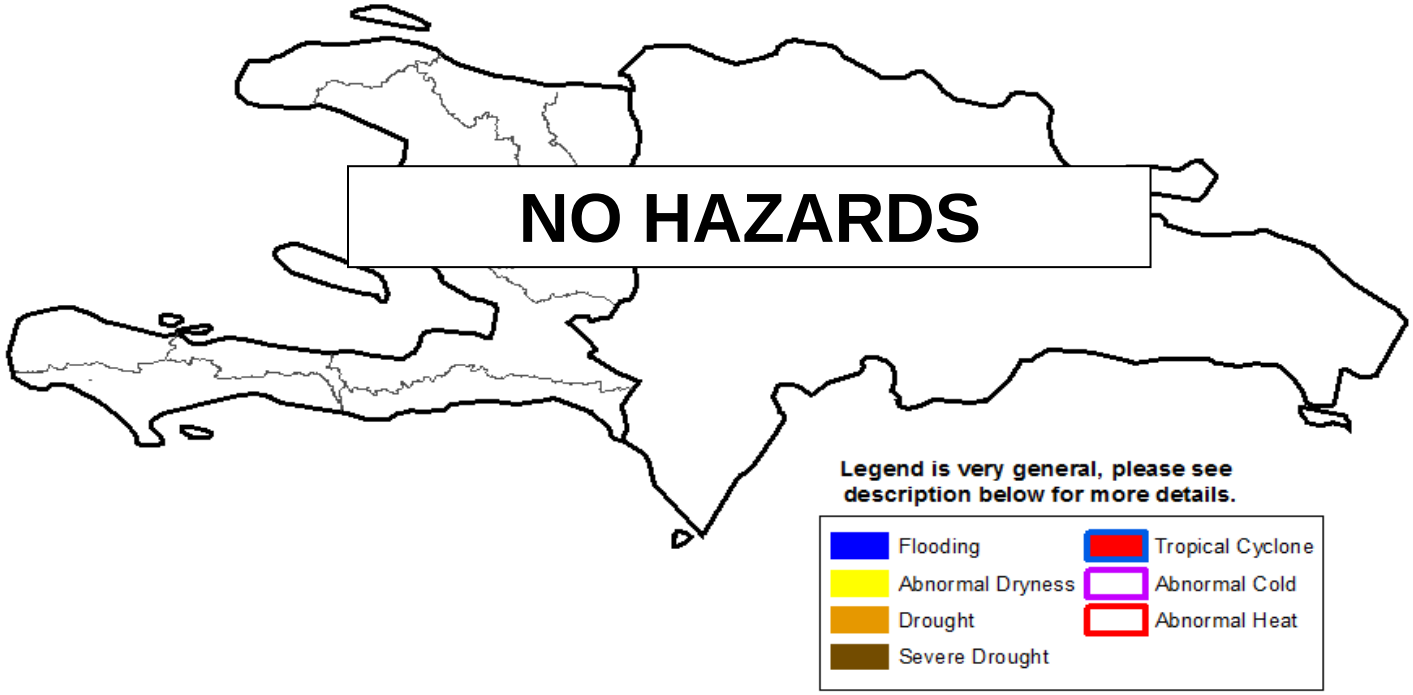


During the past observation period, little to light rains were generally observed over much of Hispaniola. The heaviest (> 30 mm) rains fell over the Gulf of Gonaives and portions of the Ouest and Centre departments of Haiti. Rainfall anomalies over the past thirty days indicated average to above-average rainfall over Haiti and average to below-average rainfall over the Dominican Republic. Since the beginning of December of last year, Hispaniola has overall experienced drier than average conditions, with seasonal rainfall deficits reaching up to 150 mm, particularly, the northern parts of the Island. Vegetation conditions remained below-average across the Nord Ouest and Nord Est departments of Haiti and the Monte Cristi and Puerto Plata provinces of the northern Dominican Republic. In Haiti, the lack of rains over the past several months has already negatively impacted cropping activities and water availability over many local areas of the Northwest. Enhanced rainfall amounts are needed to eliminate seasonal deficits over the dry portions of Hispaniola. During the next outlook period, model rainfall forecast calls for the continuation of drier weather over Hispaniola, with light rains forecast over most departments of Haiti, and the central and eastern parts of the Dominican Republic. Suppressed rainfall is expected elsewhere.

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